

Harman House
HO-892
6441 Montgomery Road, Elkrige
Howard County
ca. 1860
Private

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The Harmon House, is a 2-story, 2-bay, wood-frame dwelling with a side-gable roof and a rear ell. The house is covered with replacement siding, has asphalt roofing and has replacement windows. It retains its Italianate style, wood, four-panel door, sidelights, and transom. Openings are vertically aligned and graduated. The roof has deep overhanging eaves and the 2nd story front window openings are located near the cornice line. Two interior brick stove chimneys pierce the roof at the ridgeline. These presumably flank a stair located between rooms with a single pile, double cell plan in the main section of the house.

The Harman House is associated with events that have made a contribution to the broad patterns of Howard County history. The house has had long-term ownership by three families. From its date of construction, in ca. 1860, until 1911 the house was owned by two generations of the Harman family, who were local house builders. From 1919 until 1959, the Micheals, who were Polish immigrants and farm workers, owned the property. This pattern of ownership reflects a general trend in the area. Much of the property between Ellicott City and Elkrige was originally settled by native-born farmers and tradesmen. In the early 20th century, there was a large influx of German and Polish settlers who purchased existing farms and built on subdivided properties. The Harman House also embodies the distinctive characteristics of its type, period, and method of construction. Probably constructed by the Harmans, the two-story, side-gable, double-cell, single pile, house is a locally prevalent vernacular type. However, the house displays some detailing that indicates that it was constructed by a well-versed craftsman, including its nicely proportioned front façade and its Italianate entry door with transom and sidelights.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Harmon House

other N/A

2. Location

street and number 6441 Montgomery Road not for publication

city, town Elkridge vicinity

county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Geraldine Brigandi

street and number 5421 Montgomery Road telephone n/a

city, town Ellicott City state zip code

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Land Records liber 5836 folio 564

city, town Columbia tax map 37 tax parcel 723 tax ID number 01-291521

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			<u>0</u>	

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Harmon House (6441 Montgomery Road) was surveyed from the public way because the owner did not grant permission to survey the property. This should provide enough information for general inclusion in the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties. However, additional documentation should be taken if the property is going to be developed or the house is going to be demolished.

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The primary façade of the Harmon House faces south. On the 1st story, the entry bay is the eastern bay, which is flanked by a window opening. A 20th c. shed-roofed porch hood covers the entry bay. The 2nd story has two window openings. Openings are not symmetrically placed, as is common for houses with double cell plans. The other elevations are not visible from the public way.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates 1857, 1903, 1911, 1914, 1919, 1959, 2001 **Architect/Builder** Philip G. Harman

Construction dates ca. 1860

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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In 1857, Philip G. Harman, a house carpenter, purchased just over 4 acres from Thomas J. Hopkins and John and Mary Jane Dicus. He presumably built the house himself, which would explain both its modest size and refined proportions and elegant entry door. In 1860, the Harman family consisted of Philip (aged 37) – a carpenter, his wife Eliza (aged 27), daughters Mary (aged 4), Virginia (aged 3), Elmina (aged 2), and son George (aged 1). Their real estate was valued at \$800 and their personal estate was valued at \$100.¹ By 1870, Philip and Eliza had six additional children; William (aged 10), Martha (aged 8), Charles (aged 8), Carrie (aged 6), Nellie (aged 4) and James (aged 10 months). Philip was listed as a house carpenter, their real estate was valued at \$1500 and their estate was valued at \$1000.² In 1900, four of their grown children remained living with Philip (aged 78) and Eliza (aged 68); Katie (aged 40), a servant, Sidney Virginia (aged 39), Charles (aged 35) – a carpenter, and Nellie (aged 33), a servant.³ Philip Harman must have died soon thereafter because the property was sold to son George P. Harman following a court case between Eliza Harmon, etal and Mary Kate Harman etal.

In 1910, George Harmon (aged 54) – a house carpenter and builder, lived on Montgomery Road with his wife, Helen (aged 34), their three children, Philip (aged 10), Gilbert (aged 6), and Charles Ridgely (aged 4), and his brother Charles (aged 47) – a house carpenter.⁴ Another brother William (aged 48) – a house carpenter, lived in an adjacent house with his wife Annie (aged 44) and their son L. Brooks (aged 22) – a salesman, and daughter Rheba (aged 16).⁵

In 1911, the Harmans sold the property to Edmund K. Goldborough and his wife M. B. Chapman Goldsborough, who lived in Washington D. C., although the Harmans remained in the area. The Goldsboroughs sold the property to Mary M. Pippin, of

¹ Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Eighth Census of United States: 1860, Population Schedule**, Election District 1, Page 1.

² Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Ninth Census of United States: 1870, Population Schedule**, Election District 1, Page 28.

³ Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Twelfth Census of United States: 1900, Population Schedule**, E. D. 79, Sheet 12B.

⁴ Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Thirteenth Census of United States: 1910, Population Schedule**, E.D. 49, Sheet 7B.

⁵ Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Thirteenth Census of United States: 1910, Population Schedule**, E.D. 49, Sheet 7B.

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Philadelphia, in 1914. In 1919, Pippin, who then resided in Washington D.C., sold the property to John Michael. In 1930, John Michael (aged 38), a Polish farm laborer who immigrated to the United States in 1907, lived on Montgomery Road with his wife Anne (aged 39), also Polish-American, and their six children: Mary (aged 10), Andrew (aged 7), Helen (aged 5), Frank (aged 4), Jesse (aged 2), and John (aged 8 months).⁶ The Michaels owned the property until 1959. In 1959, John and Anna Michael sold the property to Leonard and Constance A. Gizinski. The Gizinskis also purchased an adjacent 7.243 acre property. In 2001, Howard County purchased the 11.25 acre property from Leonard Gizinski for over \$1,000,000 and sold the 1-acre house lot back to his daughter Geraldine G. Brigandi for \$10,000.

⁶ Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Fifteenth Census of United States: 1930, Population Schedule**, E.D. 14-7, sheet 14A.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census. **Census of United States: Population Schedule, 1860, 1870, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930.**

Hopkins, G.M. **Atlas of Howard County, Maryland, 1878.** Ellicott City, MD: Howard County Bicentennial Commission, Inc., 1975.

Howard County Land Records, Dorsey Building, Columbia. See attached chain of title for specific libers and folios.

Martenet, Simon J. **Martenet's Map of Howard County, Maryland.** Baltimore, 1860.

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of surveyed property	<u>1.058</u>	
Acreege of historical setting	<u>approx. 11.25 acres</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Savage</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24,000</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the Harman House corresponds to Howard County Map 37, Grid 5, Parcel 723, which is the buildings' current legal lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Jennifer Goold, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	September 16, 2005
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

Common House (HO-892)

6441 Montgomery Road, Elkridge

Howard County

Deed trace

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Liber	Folio	Trans.	Amt.	Acres	Notes
06-04-2001	Howard County, Maryland	Geraldine G. Brigandi	5836	564	Deed	10,000	1.058	
06-04-2001	Leonard J. Gizinski	Howard County, Maryland	5557	115	Deed	1,007,502		
01-26-2001	Leonard J. Gizinski	Leonard J. Gizinski	5347	78	Deed	0.00	4 acres 1 rood and 36.25 square perches + 7.243 acres	
08-12-1994	Leonard J. Gizinski	Geraldine G. Brigandi, Janet A. Ahern, Edward J. Gizinski, Constance E. Stone, and John L. Gizinski	3342	61	Deed	0.00	4 acres 1 rood and 36.25 square perches + 7.243 acres	Subject to an estate reserved unto the said Leonard J. Gizinski, for and during the term of his natural life. Constance A. Gizinski died March 28, 1994.
06-15-1959	John Michael and Anna Michael	Leonard J. Gizinski and Constance A. Gizinski	334	372	Deed	5.00	4 acres 1 rood and 36.25 square perches + 7.243 acres	
07-26-1921	Eugenia Carr	John Michael and Anna Michael	113	112	Deed	5.00	4 acres 1 rood and 36.25 square perches	
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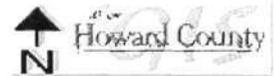
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04-21-1919	Mary M. Pippin, widow (Washington D.C.)	John Michael	107	205	Deed	2050.00	4 acres 1 rood and 36.25 square perches	Part of "Batchelors Hall Enlarged"
09-30-1914	Edmund K. Goldsborough, Jr. and M. B. Chapman Goldsborough, his wife (Washington, D.C.)	Mary M. Pippin (Philadelphia)	98	55	Deed	10.00 and assumption of mortgage	4 acres 1 rood and 36.25 square perches	
03-30-1911	George P. Harman and Helen G. Harman	Edmund K Goldsborough, Jr. and M. B. Chapman Goldsborough (Washington D.C.)	90	536	Deed	5.00	4 acres 1 rood and 36.25 square perches	
12-15-1903	John Donaldson Parker, Trustee	George P. Harman	78	92	Deed	2000.00	4 acres 1 rood and 36.25 square perches	Sold by a decree of the Circuit Court for Howard County in the case of Mary Kate Harman et al. vs. Eliza J. Harman
02-12-1857	Thomas J. Hopkins, John Dicus, and Mary Jane Dicus	Philip G. Harman	18	166	Deed	350.00	4 acres 1 rood and 36.25 square perches	



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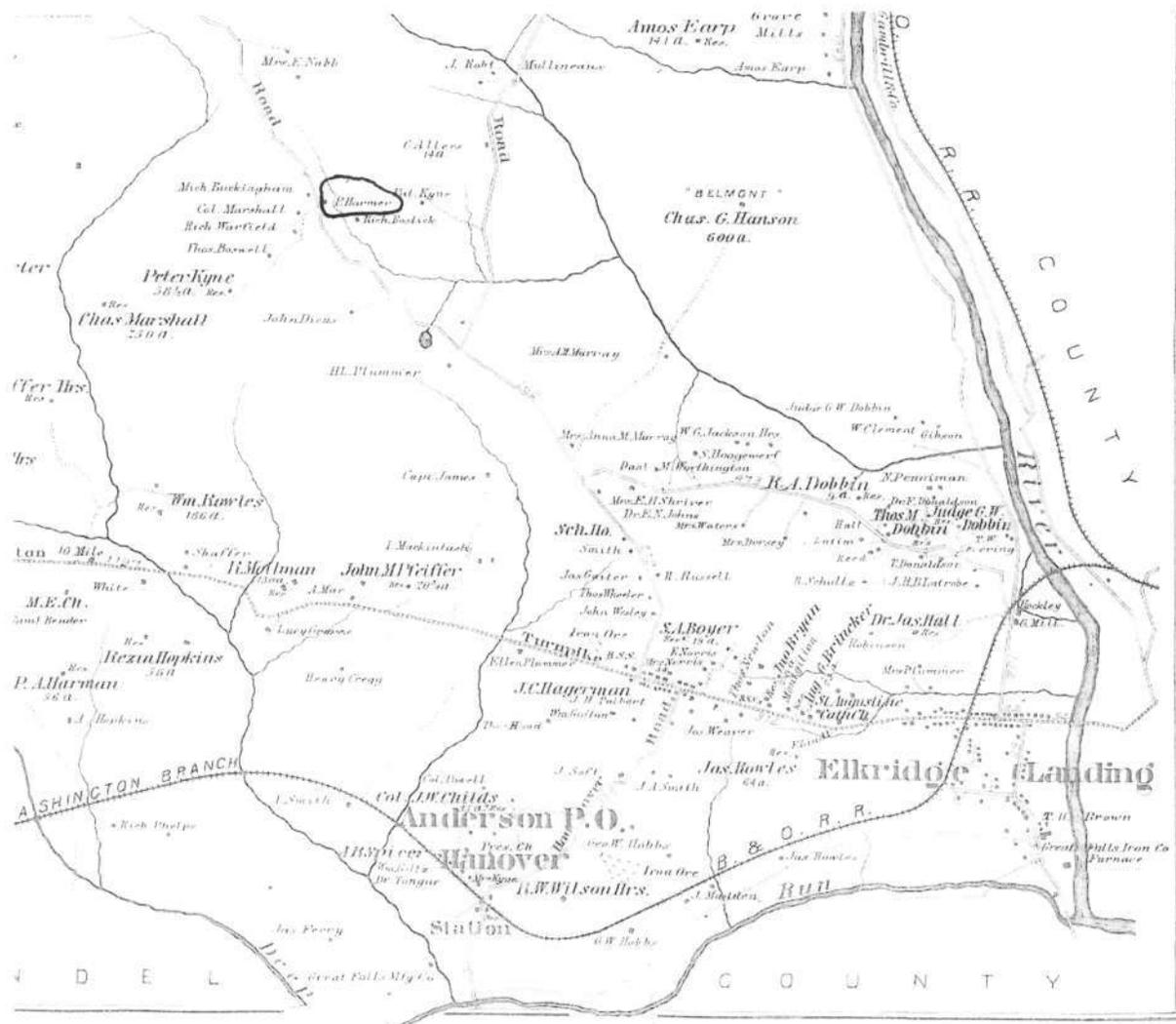
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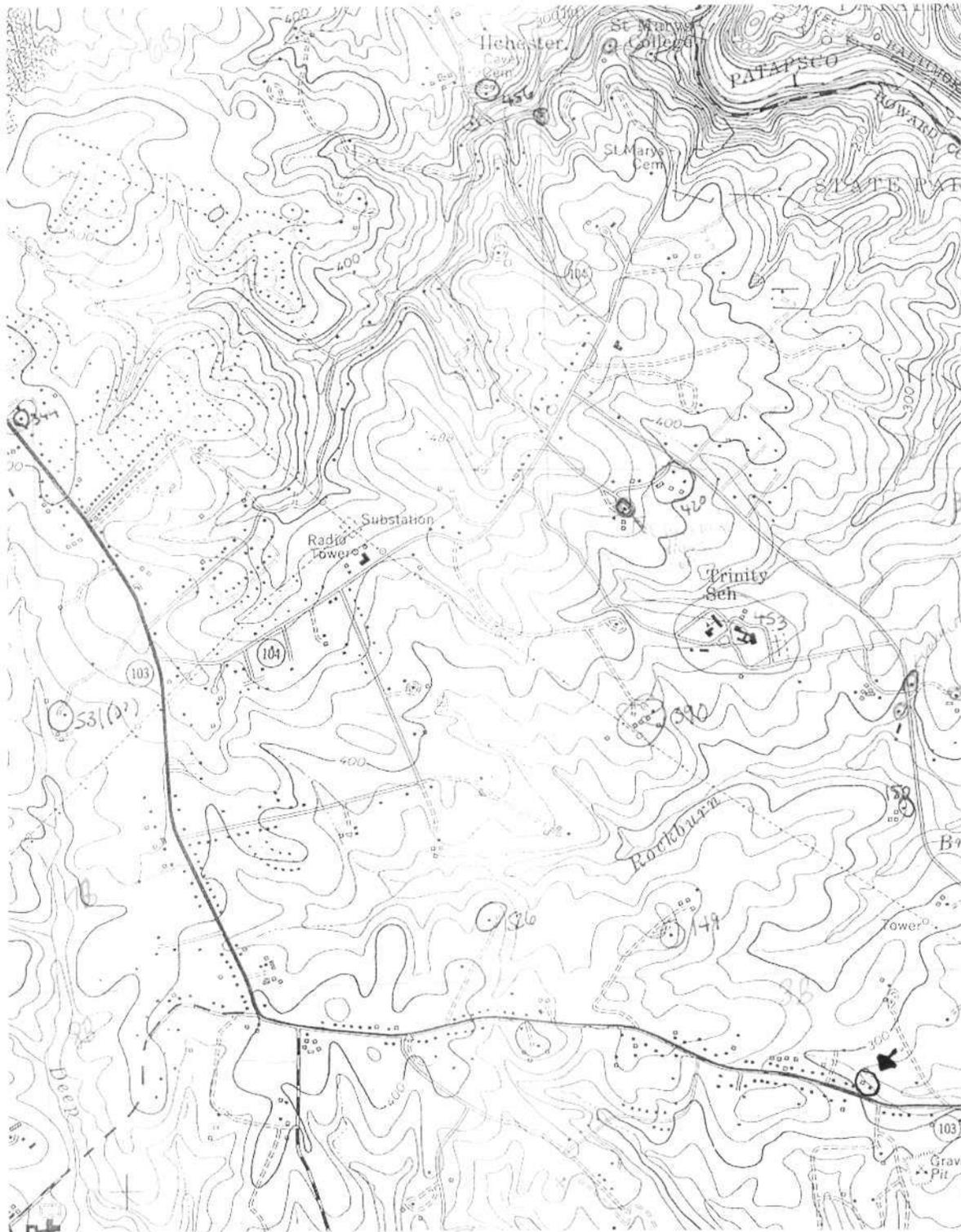
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Site plan/Aerial photo



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1860 Martenet's Map of Howard County



Harmon House (HO-892)
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Howard County
1878 Hopkins Atlas of Howard County



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USGS Savage Quad



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Howard County, MD

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